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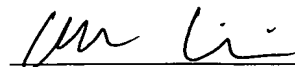
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Sir:

The patentee, Caterpillar Inc., of the above-referenced patent requests the issuance of a Certificate of Correction under 37 C.F.R. § 1.322. The mistakes were made by the Patent and Trademark Office. In particular, the amendment of October 20, 2004, was not reflected in the version of the claims included in the issued patent.

Two copies of Form PTO-1050 are submitted herewith on the desired corrections.

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It is certified that error appears in the above-identified patent and that said Letters Patent is hereby corrected as shown below:

Please correct the Claims as follows:

Claim 1, Column 10, Line 44, delete "hidden" and insert --occluded--

Claim 1, Column 10, Line 56, delete "and"

Claim 1, Column 10, Line 60, delete "grid." and insert --grid; and  
identifying at least one occluded portion of the image based on the identified second  
plurality of n-dimensional components.--

Claim 3, Column 10, Line 64, after "components" delete "." and insert --and excluding the  
at least one occluded portion.--

Claim 4, Column 10, Line 65, delete "The method of claim 1, wherein said identifying  
further includes:" and insert --A computer-implemented method for identifying hidden and  
visible surfaces on an n-dimensional object, wherein n is greater than 1, said method  
comprising:

generating an n-dimensional image of an object, said image including a first plurality of  
n-dimensional components that define a shape and orientation of the image and a  
plurality of parts located inside the image;  
superimposing an n-dimensional grid of pixels on said image, said pixels arranged in a  
lattice structure such that each pixel of said grid corresponds to one of a plurality of  
vertices of an m-sided cell, wherein each side of said m-sided cell includes at least four  
vertices; and  
identifying a second plurality of n-dimensional components located on an outer perimeter  
of said image that abut or overlap at least one side of one m-sided cell in said grid,  
wherein said identifying includes:--

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Claim 10, Column 11, Line 38, delete "hidden" and insert --occluded--

Claim 10, Column 11, Line 53, delete "and"

Claim 10, Column 11, Line 57, delete "grid." and insert --grid; and  
a module identifying at least one occluded portion of the image based on the identified second plurality of n-dimensional components.--

Claim 12, Column 11, Line 61, delete "components." and insert --components and excluding the at least one occluded portion.--

Claim 13, Column 11, Line 62, delete "The apparatus of claim 10, wherein said module for identifying further includes the capability to:" and insert --An apparatus for identifying hidden and visible surfaces on an n-dimensional object, wherein n is greater than 1, said apparatus comprising:

- a network device having a memory containing a program that further includes:
- a module for generating an n-dimensional image of an object, said image including a first plurality of n-dimensional components that define a shape and orientation of the image and a plurality of parts located inside the image;
- a module for superimposing an n-dimensional grid of pixels on said image, said pixels arranged in a lattice structure such that each pixel of said grid corresponds to one of a plurality of vertices of an m-sided cell, wherein each side of said m-sided cell includes of at least four vertices; and
- a module for identifying a second plurality of n-dimensional components located on an outer perimeter of said image that abut or overlap at least one side of one m-sided cell in said grid, wherein said module for identifying further includes the capability to:--

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Claim 19, Column 12, Line 53, delete "and"

Claim 19, Column 12, Line 57, delete "grid." and insert --grid; and  
identifying at least one hidden portion of the image based on the identified second  
plurality of n-dimensional components.--

Claim 21, Column 12, Line 62, delete "components." and insert --components, excluding  
the at least one hidden portion.--

Claim 22, Column 12, Line 63, delete "The" and insert --A--

Claim 22, Column 12, Line 63, delete "of claim 19, wherein said identifying further  
includes:" and insert --having stored thereon machine executable instructions, the execution  
of said instructions adapted to implement a method for identifying hidden and visible  
surfaces on an n-dimensional object, wherein n is greater than 1, said method comprising:  
generating an n-dimensional image of an object, said image including a first plurality of  
n-dimensional components that define a shape and orientation of the image and a  
plurality of parts located inside the image;  
superimposing an n-dimensional grid of pixels on said image, said pixels arranged in  
a lattice structure such that each pixel of said grid corresponds to one of a plurality of  
vertices in an m-sided cell, wherein each side of said m-sided cell includes at least  
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